



The Cornpicker

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2010 - 2011 Officers

President Charlie McDonald
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DATE/TIME/PLACE: April 26, 2011 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 26 plus Jane Easson, Dan Casillas and Phil Tetley

SING-A-LONG: Down By The Riverside

LOTTO: Deb Oelschlager & Dean Moser

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

05/03 - John Clemons
 05/10 - PCHS
 05/17 - PCHS
 05/24 - Steve & Jennifer McMichaels



5/29 - Charles McDonald
5/31 - Robin Coady

Quips and Quotes

life Life is like a camel. You can make it do anything except back up. . . .Marcelene Cox

AREA CLUB MEETINGS

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thurs.	Elks Club
Gibson City	6:45 a.m.	Wed.	The Country Kettle
Gilman	6:05 p.m.	Tues.	Gilman Lounge
Lincoln	11:50 a.m.	Wed.	Elks Country Club
Normal	12:00 Noon	Wed.	Bone Student Center

PRAIRIE CENTRAL

Dan Casillias and Phil Tetley



Dan mentioned there are only 5 weeks left of school. Prairie Central ranked very high on the Prairie State Achievement Test at 85% which only 10% of high schools meet. Prairie Central is one of the top 100 high schools in Illinois. Our teachers are doing

a fantastic job. This week they are taking 140 freshmen to a college to tour. The seniors will be doing a consumer service and products day. If it rains they will wash and wax the fire trucks (all right!) Students can earn up to 36 dual credits for college in English, Calculus, History, etc. In 2014 they will be required to meet a common course standard for 12th to Kindergarten. They will have a standard assessment of all states. Question - are we teaching our students toward the test? Answer: somewhat.



Phil asked if anyone remembered "Dick Tracy" when they would talk into their watch... well we are there and beyond in the technology world. Do we have a computer and phone or is a phone and computer? It is a crazy world.

We are very fortunate at PCHS to provide this technology opportunity. Technology costs a lot of money. They were able to obtain a \$400,000 grant. It was a one shot grant to put in 24 mobile labs and 24 laptops. They have printer wireless access, 308 laptops, 10 mobile carts and 64 laptops

to Special Ed teachers with 1/2 of them going to response intervention. They also have 1200+ computers on the network in 7 buildings, 13-15 servers, wireless network between buildings. In the future they want to run fiber to Champaign. They also have 16 stationary labs with 7 of these at the high school. They currently are locally hosted. Next year they will be web-based. Technology is part of student life. They are looking at wireless access in all their buildings. The future is 1 to 1 computing - one device for every student. Walmart is now "buy on-line and they deliver". They are Founding Partner of CIRBN, this is a fiber line from ISU to Chicago. They will bring a node into Chenoa and eventually to Fairbury, etc. It will have 300 mega bytes available.